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September 16, 1991

613,160  
Re: NEW FOREIGN FILING BASED ON USSN ~~614,620~~ - PM 1412  
*Putrescine N-Methyltransferase, Recombinant DNA Molecules Encoding  
Putrescine N-Methyltransferase, and Transgenic Tobacco  
Plants with Altered Nicotine Content*

Dear John:

Please prepare the enclosed specification for filing in Brazil, Japan and the EPO designating all countries except Luxembourg. The convention deadline is November 14, 1991.

We would prefer that you hold off on actual filing since there is a question about the U.S. which we hope inventors can confirm by research already underway; but I wanted to at least let you have a look at the application in advance since the subject matter is atypical. We should have an answer on the question in approximately two weeks. As you can see from the copy of Charlie Smith's letter (October 17, 1989), which has been included to summarize the application, the case is rather complex and there has been a plethora of reference material generated. There has been no action thus far in the U.S. case. Please let me know if you need any of the references noted in the specification.

As soon as we are certain about the status of the parent, I will send instructions to proceed with the preparations. Meanwhile you may wish to discuss any questions with either Charles Glenn or Charles Smith, Gary Creason and/or Emily Evans at Fish & Neave.

The usual data sheet is enclosed. I will ask Fish & Neave to have a set of drawings prepared for the foreign.

Sincerely,

Beverly A. Monroe

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Enclosures

cc: C. Smith  
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